

REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, including English translations of the Japanese and Korean Office Actions, and an English translation of the patented Japanese claims, as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-24. Applicant has amended claims 1-24 to either correct or render moot each cited informality cited by the Examiner.

Applicant traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of claims 1-24. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features recommended by the Examiner related to an air conditioning system, rendering moot the rejection.

Applicant traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) rejections of claims 1-3 over Karl, U.S. 2001/0020529. Karl neither discloses nor suggests, in combination, at least a first heat storing device having a storing material which is heated or cooled by a first heating medium, executing heat exchange among the first heating medium, a second heating medium, and the heat storing material, as recited in claim 1.

Lacking a disclosure or suggestion of at least this element of the claims, Karl neither anticipates nor suggests claims 1-3 under § 102(b) or § 103(a), respectively.

Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, and 11 under § 102(b) or § 103(a) over JP 8-49934. This reference also fails to disclose or suggest at least the claim feature described above, and hence cannot anticipate or render obvious claims 1, 5, 6, and 11.

Applicant appreciates the indication of provisionally allowable subject matter in claims 7-10 and 11-24. Applicant has amended these claims to correct the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-24.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Information Disclosure Statement